

The Parish of St. Agnes & St. Aidan



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Sunday 11th October 2026
28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A

Don't Miss:

- Month of the Most Holy Rosary. 14th October 6.15 – 7pm: Joyful Mysteries
- First Communion Information
- International Table 8th November
- WCMAD Fundraiser 4th December

Stay Connected:

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Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

YouTube: Stagnesstaidan

Scan the QR code, using your
phone's camera to join the
parish WhatsApp Group.



Holy Mass is live streamed every Sunday at 10.30 am on youtube:

Search Youtube Stagnesstaidan

You can watch and pray the Mass any time after 12.30pm on Sundays. Livestreamed Masses are with a congregation so if you attend anonymity cannot be guaranteed.

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Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc. Reg. Charity No. 1199714 Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Liverpool Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation.

Prayer Requests

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Your charitable prayers are asked for those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers.

Please let the office know if you wish to add a name to the list.

Tom Addison, Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Doris Benette, Catherine Bennion, Shona Blackey, Marie Bowden, Trina Bromwell, Violet Chadwick, Malinda North Asela Chandrarathne, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, Victoria Coffey, Sr Mary Connell, James Corbett, Janet, Ray and Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Collette Davies, Janet Davies, Despina, Ellis, Patricia Fisher, Dr Jeremy Gardener, Alison Hardman, Joseph Hill, Christina Hill, Victoria Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Barry James, Joelle, Kim Jackson, Peggy Kane, Brian Keogh, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Mandy Longworth, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Dee McCloy, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Pat McCloy, Alan McKeown, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Cathy McMurrie, Tim Merritt, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Louise Owens, Clare Pendleton Ged Privilege, Julie Quarless, Norman Reid, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Marie Sanbter, Sara, Betty Savage, Sister Amelita Ventic, Joan Smith, Donna Sothern, Alan Spain, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Joan Walsh, Dylan Watson, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Emma Williamson, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

Recently Deceased:

Noel Cannon, Margaret Catherine Roberts, Mary Lynch, Alice Waldron, Christopher Banning

Anniversaries:

Terry Martin, Mary Hughes, Pat English, Hilda Williams, Irene Campbell

Sanctuary Lamp Week 11th October – Asylum Seekers & refugees

Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass Intention or an Anniversary. If you wish a Mass to be said on a specific date, please give the office as much advanced warning as possible. Please note: As in previous years Easter & Christmas masses will be for all the parishioners and not for individual intentions. Thank you.



Masses, Services and Funerals

Saturday 10rd October St Paulinus of York, Bishop	5:30 pm Mass	James Gregory Honor Ambrose
Sunday 11th October 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 am Mass	Michael Coyne Sam & Peggy Hefferman
Monday 12th October St Wilfred, Bishop	9:30 am Service	Celebration of the Word and Communion
Wednesday 14th October St Callistus I. Pope, Martyr	7:00 pm Mass	Mary Hughes Honor Ambrose
Friday 16th October St Margaret, Mary Alacoque, Virgin	12 noon Mass	Chrissie Pearson Alicia Bowden
Saturday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	5:30 pm Mass	Edward Coffey Gabriel Santer
Sunday 18th October 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 am Mass	Aninha Carvalho Terry Martin

Confessions: Saturday 5:00 pm – 5:20 pm (or by appointment)

Groups, Meetings, Activities

This Week			
Day, Date	Time	What's On	Where
Sun, 11 th Oct	12 noon	Altar Servers' Meeting	Church
Sun, 11 th Oct	12:30 pm	Sri Lanka Trip meeting	Church
Tues, 13 th Oct	1 pm	Prayer Group	Sr. E. K Room
Wed, 14 th Oct	1 – 3pm	Pensioners Club	Sr. E. K Room
Wed, 14 th Oct	6:15 pm – 7 pm	Praying the Rosary	Church
Next Week			
Sun, 18 th Oct	6 pm	LGBTQ+ Social Group	Sr. E. K. Room
Wed, 21 st Oct	5:30 pm	Over 8 Baptism prep	Sr. E. K. Room
Wed, 21 st Oct	6 pm	Praying the Rosary	Church
Wed, 21 st Oct	7 pm	Reception of Honor Ambrose – Vigil Service	Church



Sunday

LGBTQ+ SOCIAL GROUP

Will meet on the **3rd Sunday of the month at 6 pm in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room** in the church of SS. Agnes and Aidan, Huyton, L36 5SQ.

The next meeting, which will be open, is on **Sunday 18th October**

Instagram: St.Agnes_St.Aidan_LGBTQ
Facebook: 'Parishes of Sts Agnes & Aidan's LGBTQ+ Social Group'

Monday

Baptism Preparation meeting

First Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

The next meeting will be on **MONDAY 2nd November**

If you wish to have your child baptised, contact the Parish Office on 0151 489 3085 and you will be booked into a preparation meeting.

These meetings are for parents whose children are under 8 years of age.

BAPTISMS ARE HELD ON:

1st Saturday at 12.00pm and 1.00 pm
1st Sunday at 1.30pm & 2.30pm (Fr. Anton)
4th Sunday at 1.30pm & 2.30 pm (Deacon Mike)

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Please email or phone the office with your request. Once ordered, copies can be collected on Mon or Wed from 10 am to 1 pm.

Tuesday

Prayer Group

13th October at 1.00pm.

We meet in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.
Please feel free to join us with a packed lunch.

Music Group

We will meet on 10th November at 7.30pm.

If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument and would like to join our parish music group, please contact the parish office or speak to Von. New members are always welcome.
Guitar lessons on Tuesdays at 6:15 pm - please contact Von if you are interested.

Wednesday

PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **14th October 2026 1 pm until 3 pm** in the parish meeting room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM - DROP-IN SESSIONS

1st Wednesday of the month
2pm – 4pm, in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room, at St. Agnes & St. Aidan Church on Huyton Hey Road.L36 5SQ. (Entrance on St. Mary's Road via the arched metal gate).

We are not counsellors, just a group of parishioners who have received training for this special ministry and have also experienced the loss of loved ones. You may prefer to have a one-to-one meeting with one of our care team. Our monthly Drop – In, is an open invitation for anyone to come along for a cup of tea and company. Time shared with a warm welcome and an opportunity for quiet prayer should you wish.



October 2026: The Most Holy Rosary

During the month of October, we will be praying the Rosary every

Wednesday at 6:15pm

Please join us this

Wednesday 14th October 2026.

October, the month traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, offers a wonderful opportunity to explore a beautiful and prayerful Catholic tradition. Whether you have prayed the Rosary for many years or have never experienced it before, you are warmly invited to join our Rosary sessions.

Preparation for Baptism for Children over 8

Dates for the diary

This programme is for any child over the age of 8 who has not yet been baptised. We have already had the first meeting, so if you would like to take part in this year's programme, please contact the Parish office as soon as possible.

Please make a note of the following preparation dates on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Meeting Room:

October: 21st

November: 4th and 18th

December: 2nd

The children will be baptised during the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday 5th December. Please keep the following children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for

Baptism:

Jamie C,

Autumn P

Alana C

Saturday

CARBOOT SALE

Saturday the 31st October 2026.

We invite more parish volunteers to help with our monthly car boot sale which supports our overseas mission projects through WCMAD- in Romania & Sri Lanka. This small act of service makes a real difference.

Sunday

Become an Altar Server

Meeting: Sunday 11th October 12 noon

This meeting is for anyone who is currently an altar server **and** anyone who would like to become an altar server.

Please stay after Mass to chat with Fr. Anton about this special ministry.

Holiday to Sri Lanka – January 2027

If you are interested in finding out more about the possible trip to Sri Lanka at the end of Jan, beginning of Feb next year (2027), please come to a meeting on

Sunday 11th October 12:30 pm

This meeting will give you an idea of what to expect from the trip and to hear a little of the trip that took place at the beginning of this year.

There is no commitment at this stage, so even if you are just interested to see if it would be something you'd like to do, please come along to hear more.

Mass Intentions

Please include a name when completing a Mass Intention envelope.

Occasionally, we may have to cancel a weekday Mass at short notice.

If you are requesting a specific date, please give as much notice as possible.



WCMAD Fundraiser Appeal

We are now preparing for our annual WCMAD (We Can Make a Difference) Fundraiser which will be on

4th December 2026

Please join us, with your families, for an evening of food – shared table, entertainment, and good company.

This is our main fundraiser of the year, and we would greatly appreciate your support in coming to the event and raising as much as possible for our projects in Romania, Sri Lanka and Suriname.
Together, we can make a difference.

International Table

We are delighted to be holding our annual International Table on

Sunday 8th November 2026

As a parish community together with our CARJ group (Catholic Association for Racial Justice) we have always recognised the importance of understanding and celebrating our rich diversity.

Please join us for a special Mass followed by a shared table of food from across the globe.

Celebrating that there is always more that connects us than divides us.

If you are able to help with this event, please contact Ann in the office.

GOLD BOOK

If you would like the name of your deceased loved ones written in The Gold Book, please contact the parish office with their name and the month, they died so that their names can be added. (0151 489 3085)

First Communion

Application forms for the 2026/2027 First Communion Programme are now available. Letters have been sent via schools and forms are also available at the back of church.

Application forms are due in on

Friday 6th November

to the parish office

There will be an important meeting for parents/ guardians on

Wednesday 25th November at 6 pm

in the church. Please make a note of this date in your diaries.

The First Communion dates for next year are:

St. Aidan's – **Saturday 8th May 2027**

10:00 am

St. Joseph's – **Saturday 8th May 2027**

12:30 pm

St. Anne's – **Saturday 15th May 2027 10**

am and 12:30 pm. (Times will be allocated by a draw once we have confirmed numbers)

All other schools – **Saturday 15th May 2027 3:00 pm**

Parish Meeting Room Hire

Our Parish Meeting Room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly) is available for hire. It is a bright, welcoming space with French doors leading directly into our lovely garden, making it ideal for small gatherings, community groups, and meetings.

Payment is negotiable, and we are happy to discuss arrangements that suit your needs. For enquiries or bookings, please contact the Parish Office. (0151 489 3085)



Presence

‘When we read today’s gospel it’s a relief to know that there are different kinds of truth in Scripture: scientific, geographic, historical, mathematical, human character and relationships, moral, proverbial, symbolic, spiritual truth - a record of the relationship between God and his people. The Bible is primarily spiritual truth.’^[1]

‘It is also important to be aware that the gospel writers sometimes insert passages that are not part of the original parables as Jesus told them but they are the writers’ interpretations: for example the verse which tells how the king sent his armies against those who refused the invitation, and burned their city. Matthew is referring to the destruction of Jerusalem by the armies of Rome. It is indeed the simple historical fact that if the Jews had accepted the way of Christ, and had walked in love, humility and sacrifice they would never have been the rebellious, warring people who finally provoked the avenging wrath of Rome.’^[2]

‘We have also seen that the indirect, metaphorical, symbolic language of a story or parable seems to be Jesus’ preferred way of teaching spiritual realities. He also makes frequent use of hyperbole, exaggerated statements or claims that are not meant to be taken *literally* but to be taken *seriously*. That was Jesus’ way of getting us to look beyond factual history and see a deeper truth; his way of challenging our preconceived ideas and expectations so that we might see something new, hear something new, think something new, and, ultimately, become something new.’^[3]

‘The spiritual truth in today’s gospel is the revelation of God’s abundant, generous love and our response to God’s invitation to us to share in that largesse. Sometimes we just can’t accept that God could be so generous.’^[4] Everyone, ‘both bad and good’ is invited. In the first reading Isaiah tells us that ‘the Lord of hosts will make **for all peoples** a feast of rich food.” And the dress code for the party? ‘When we surrender to unconditional Love, we are re-clothed in Love, by Love.’^[3]

We are told in the Gospel that ‘some were not worthy’. ‘One thing that distinguishes the first-invited guests from the second-invited guests is Presence. The key to experiencing the infinite, unconditional, loving generosity of God is to just show up, to be present.’^[3] We can then pray “Lord, you are always present to us. Help us to be present to you.”

Additional Information

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Sunday 11th October 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

The Lord will make a feast, and he will wipe away tears from all faces.

Responsorial Psalm

**In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14,
19-20

I can do all things through him who
strengthens me.

Gospel Acclamation

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that
we may know the hope to which he has
called us.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Invite to the wedding feast as many as you can
find.

**The Order of Mass can be found on
page 4 of the Hymn Book.**



Scan the QR code to watch David Olusoga's
BBC documentary: Empire.

Parking

Please be considerate when parking as
residents also need to access their
driveways with ease. Thank you

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Parish Website every week at:
www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk
Newsletter items by Wednesday
morning to parish office.**